

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Diana DiBerardino on 02/04/2009.

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3/4/09*
The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, at line 8:

"sufficiently small transverse dimension such that", and has been changed to:

- - - transverse dimension smaller than the characteristic wavelength such that - - -

In claim 1, at line 11:

"desired laser mode operates above a lasing threshold while all other modes operate below the", and has been changed to:

- - - desired laser mode is above its lasing threshold while all other modes are below their - - -.

In claim 30, at ~~lines 8-9~~:
lines 9-10
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